

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Akihiro Yamazaki on December 16, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8, line 2, delete "position" and insert -- positioned --;

line 13, before "inflow" insert -- the --; and

line 36, after "control" insert -- wall --.

Claim 10, line 2, delete "position" and insert -- positioned --; and

line 13, before "inflow" insert -- the --.

Claim 12, line 2, delete "position" and insert -- positioned --; and

line 13, before "inflow" insert -- the --.

Claim 17, line 2, delete "position" and insert -- positioned --; and

line 13, before "inflow" insert -- the --.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonard R. Leo whose telephone number is (571) 272-4916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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